

ASSIGNMENT: Subjective Classification Essay (download for a printed copy)

**THIS IS THE ASSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS AND WHERE TO SUBMIT
THE FINAL DRAFT ON JULY 1**

DIRECTIONS

1. Use your own experiences and observations to create a classification essay. This essay topic must be approved by the instructor (make sure you participate in the outlining and topic proposal assignments; I will not accept any papers that have not received approval)
2. Use Microsoft Office Word on your dcc email (save to your ENGL 110 folder) Your classification essay should be around 600 words (going over is fine)

What is Subjective Classification

Subjective Classification is a way of organizing information based on personal opinions and feelings rather than on factual or universally accepted standards. This method reflects individual perspectives, experiences, and preferences.

Key Characteristics of Subjective Classification:

3. Personal Perspective:

- The categories are based on the individual's own views and insights. Different people might classify the same items differently.

4. Flexibility:

- Subjective classification is more flexible and creative. There are no strict rules, so categories can vary widely among different people.

5. Examples and Justifications:

- When using subjective classification, it's important to explain why you placed certain items in specific categories, using personal reasoning and examples.

6. Influence of Experiences:

- Your own experiences and background influence how you create categories. Cultural, social, and emotional factors often play a role.

7. Relatability:

- Because it reflects personal insights, subjective classification can be more relatable and engaging, especially to those with similar experiences.

Examples of Subjective Classification:

- **Types of Friendships:**
 - You might classify friendships into categories like "childhood friends," "college friends," and "work friends," based on your own experiences and the context in which the friendships were formed.
- **Genres of Music:**
 - You could classify music into categories like "motivational music," "relaxing music," and "party music," reflecting how you personally use and perceive different types of music.
- **Styles of Leadership:**
 - You might categorize leadership styles into "authoritative," "democratic," and "hands-off," based on your observations of how different leaders interact with their teams.

Importance of Subjective Classification:

- **Expression of Individuality:**
 - It allows you to express your unique viewpoints and insights, adding diversity to discussions and analyses.
- **Engagement:**
 - Subjective classification can be more engaging and interesting because it reflects personal experiences and perspectives.
- **Critical Thinking:**
 - It encourages you to think critically and reflect on your own reasoning as you explain and justify your classifications.

Overall, subjective classification is a useful way to organize information according to personal understanding and experiences. It showcases the diversity of human thought and provides a platform for sharing unique perspectives.

To help you create your Classification Essay:

Read/View/Listen and annotate these texts:

- "Petofelia" by John Katz Links to an external site.
 - "The Plot Against People" by Russell Baker Links to an external site.
 - "Deadly Mind Traps" by Jeff Wise
 - Types of Jokes that Ellen Degeneres tells Links to an external site.
- I. Participate in the writing process with your colleagues.
 - II. Participate in the writing process with a coach in the Writing Center.
 - III. Submit your polished draft to the professor for guidance during office hours.
 - IV. Submit your Final draft to Canvas no later than Monday, July 1 at 11:59pm
 - V.

Evaluation

Your final draft should adhere to MLA essay format and have a clear introduction, body, and conclusion, and should be at least 600 words of polished prose. Most of your essays will be longer than 600 words! I am looking for a direct thesis, effective topic sentences, major and minor support (using specific and vivid details that only you can tell me), and an effective intro and conclusion. No outside sources are to be used in this essay. Write only what you know.

Delgado CWRC help (required, submit bluesheets as evidence of CWRC use)

Delgado coaches are there to assist you at any point of the writing process. You can show up to the Zoom or face-to-face appointment with nothing; you will leave your session with something. Things the CWRC can assist you with:

- **Computer skills such as**
 - **Accessing Delgado email/Microsoft Word**
 - **Creating a new document/file**
 - **Saving a document/file**
 - **Naming a document/file**
- **MLA documentation**
 - **Formatting a document**
 - **Using correct MLA to quote**

- **Using MLA for works cited entries**
- **Brainstorming/Thinking about the paper assignment**
 - **Drafting skills such as**
 - **Direct thesis statements**
 - **Topic sentences**
 - **Body paragraphs**
 - **Effective introduction and conclusions**
 - **Titles of essays**
- **Revisions/re-envisioning your paper**